

STATE OF CONNECTICUT • COUNTY OF TOLLAND
INCORPORATED 1786

TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING TOWN OF ELLINGTON May 11, 2010

MINUTES

First Selectman, Maurice Blanchette called the Annual Town Budget Meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. and asked for nominations for moderator.

MOVED (MICHAEL VARNEY), SECONDED (ROBERT CLEMENTS) TO NOMINATE MARK LEIGHTON AS MODERATOR.

VOTE: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The moderator read the **(attached)** Warning Notice which was published and posted in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, Sec. 7-3

Each item was considered separately as follows:

Item 1. Discontinuance of portions of the following town roads:

GREEN STREET - from a point 125 feet south along Green Street from the northeast corner of land of CT Heritage Homes, Inc., (Assessor's map #129-127-0000) at land of Michael and Karen Damico, (Assessor's map #129-031-0000), southerly to its south end at land now or formerly of David and Claire Decker (Assessor's map #129-005-0000);

KEENEY STREET - from a line between the southeast corner of land now or formerly of Alice Safranek, (Assessor's map #129-033-0000), and the southwest corner of land now or formerly of Michael and Karen Damico, (Assessor's map #129-031-0000), southerly to its end within land of CT Heritage Homes, Inc., (Assessor's map #129-027-0000);

MOVED (MAURICE BLANCHETTE), SECONDED (MICHAEL STUPINSKI) TO APPROVE THE DISCONTINUANCE OF PORTIONS OF GREEN STREET AND KEENEY STREET, AS SPECIFIED IN ITEM #1.

Discussion: Location of streets was asked: They are in the Crystal Lake section of town. The land will be added to the abutting owners' property.

VOTE: Motion carried by majority vote.

Item 2. A \$64,900 additional appropriation from 2009-10 General Fund Balance to the Town Hall 810 Account for Oil Tank Removal/Boiler Conversion:

MOVED (MAURICE BLANCHETTE), SECONDED (BARRY PINTO) TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$64,900 FOR THE PURPOSE AS SPECIFIED IN ITEM #2.

Discussion: BOF Chairman Robert Clements explained the leak in the existing tank and the plan to convert the Town Hall and Annex to natural gas.

VOTE: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item 3. Entering into a four-year lease agreement for the purchase of Board of Education Computer Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$263,000:

MOVED (**DAN KEUNE**), SECONDED (**ANTHONY LITIZZIO**) TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A FOUR-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION COMPUTER EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$263,000.

Discussion: Superintendent Stephen Cullinan explained that the State goes out to bid on BOE computer equipment for the best prices. Any Capital Improvement item over \$40,000 must be approved at a Town Meeting.

VOTE: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item 4. Entering into a five-year lease agreement for the purchase of a John Deere front-end loader with accessories for the Department of Public Works in an amount not to exceed \$178,000:

MOVED (**MICHAEL STUPINSKI**), SECONDED (**BARRY PINTO**) TO APPROVE ENTERING INTO A FIVE YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE FRONT-END LOADER WITH ACCESSORIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$178,000.

Discussion: Public works director George Fetko answered a question regarding the model: it is a model 444K with attachments. Mr. Fetko said that the old one will be used only in the public works yard area; it is no longer safe to be on the roads.

VOTE: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item 5. Adoption of the 5-year road reconstruction/overlay repair plan, as recommended by the Director of Public Works, and pursuant to CGS Sec. 13a-99:

MOVED (**ROBERT CLEMENTS**), SECONDED (**MAURICE BLANCHETTE**) TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE 5-YEAR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION/OVERLAY REPAIR PLAN, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Discussion: None

VOTE: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item 6. Acceptance of prepaid grants and funds fully reimbursable for the Fiscal Year commencing on July 1, 2010 and ending on June 30, 2011, and to appropriate the same to the Board of Education in a sum not to exceed \$1,402,600, as recommended by the Board of Education:

MOVED (**DAN KEUNE**), SECONDED (**ANTHONY LITIZZIO**) TO APPROVE THE PREPAID GRANTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,402,600, AS SPECIFIED IN ITEM #6.

Discussion: Superintendent Cullinan explained that State and Federal grants must be approved at Town meeting. This allows the town to transfer the money that is anticipated to the appropriate accounts at one time instead of having several town meetings throughout the year.

VOTE: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item 7. To determine whether municipal tax shall be paid in two (2) installments for real estate and personal property tax in excess of six hundred (600) dollars and motor vehicle tax to be paid in one (1) installment with designated due dates as stated in the Connecticut State Statutes, Sections 12-142, 12-144, 12-144a and Public Act 77-343, Section 2 and to waive any property tax due in an amount less than five dollars as stated in the Connecticut State Statutes, Section 12-144c, as recommended by Tax Collector:

MOVED (ROBERT CLEMENTS), SECONDED (MAURICE BLANCHETTE) THAT MUNICIPAL TAX SHALL BE PAID, AS SPECIFIED IN ITEM #7.

Discussion: There is no change in the tax payment schedule from last year. This has to be voted on every year.

VOTE: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item 8. To adjourn the annual town budget meeting to a referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with one question:

"Shall the Town of Ellington appropriate, as recommended and as allocated by the Board of Finance, the total sum for all expenditures, a/k/a budget grand total for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011, the sum of \$45,663,569?"

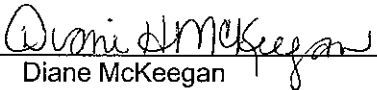
MOVED (ROBERT CLEMENTS), SECONDED (RICHARD CLEARY) TO ADJOURN THE ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING TO A REFERENDUM, AS SPECIFIED IN ITEM #8.

Discussion: •Location of the referendum was asked. The referendum will be at Ellington High School, 37 Maple St. Ellington. •The BOF was commended for presenting a reasonable budget and for all their hard work. •The BOE salaries were questioned. Superintendent Cullinan responded. • The reduction in account #850-Pinney House was questioned. Mr. Clements addressed the reasons for the BOF cutting this item at this time as there are other areas in need of funding in the current economy. Gerry Gillung, Pinney House Chairperson, reminded the BOF that the terms of the lease require the Town to maintain the house. •The mil rate increase was explained by Mr. Clements as well as how the budget document is prepared. Expected revenues and expenditures were clarified.

VOTE: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Hearing no further comments, the moderator declared the meeting adjourned and thanked everyone for coming.

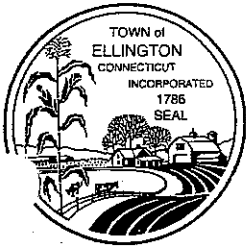
Town Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. to a referendum to be held May 18, 2010 at Ellington High School.

Submitted by 
Diane McKeegan
Town Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

- Warning Notice
- Five-year road and bridge repair plan
- Board of Education prepaid grants allocation

Budget tables available on Town website @www.ellington-ct.gov [Paper copies of budget tables and complete budget book available in Town Clerk's Office]



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WARNING
NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET MEETING
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May 11, 2010

Electors and citizens qualified to vote in Town Meetings are hereby notified that the Annual Town Budget Meeting of the Town of Ellington will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, at the Ellington High School, 37 Maple Street, to consider the following:

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Dated at Ellington, Connecticut, this 27th day of April, 2010.

BY ORDER OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Maurice Blanchette
Maurice Blanchette, First Selectman

The five-year road repair plan, BOE prepaid grants allocation and 2010-2011 budget tables are on the website and on file in the Town Clerk's office. Complete budget book is available in the Town Clerk's office and Library.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
11/16/2009
RECONSTRUCTION AND OVERLAY

F. Y. 2010-11 (Reconstruction and Overlay)

	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Linear Feet</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Francis Ave Overlay	.08	405	\$ 20,250
Hilltop Drive (1) Overlay	.07	360	18,000
Hilltop Drive (2) Overlay	.09	470	23,500
Grant Road	.28	1,479	110,925
Cliff Street	.12	635	47,520
Orchard Street	.50	2,640	198,000
Orchard Street sidewalk/granite curb	.14	735	62,475
Walnut Street Reconstruction	.13	687	51,525
North Park Reconstruction	<u>.27</u>	<u>1,430</u>	<u>107,250</u>
TOTAL	1.68	8,841	\$ 639,445

F.Y. 2011-12 (Total Reconstruction)

	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Linear Feet</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Standish Rd	.56	2,967	\$ 221,760
Ellington Ave (Vernon TL to Middle Butcher	.33	1,780	133,500
Ellington Ave (Mountain to Stein)	.30	1,600	120,000
Ellington Ave sidewalk/granite curb	.14	760	64,600
Ertle Road	.04	212	15,900
Davis Road	.13	687	51,525
Laurel Rd	<u>.20</u>	<u>1,056</u>	<u>79,200</u>
TOTAL	1.70	9,062	\$ 686,485

F.Y. 2012-13 (Overlay)

	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Linear Feet</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Brookmeadow Lane	.11	581	\$ 18,876
Flanders	.07	370	12,012
Forest Hill Rd	.11	581	18,876
*Ketchbrook Court	.03	159	12,968
*Ketchbrook Lane	.40	2,112	76,440
*Robinson Circle	.08	423	21,528
Rothe Lane	.22	1,162	37,765
*Cul de sac - add 130 Tons @ \$60			
South Rd Reconstruction	.71	3,748	281,160
Lord Rd Reconstruction	<u>.23</u>	<u>1,214</u>	<u>91,080</u>
TOTAL	1.96	10,350	\$ 570,705

F.Y. 2013-14 (Overlay)

	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Linear Feet</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Wells Road	.60	3,168	\$ 102,960
Hamilton Road	.08	423	13,747
Windmill Road	.79	4,172	135,590
Ellsworth Lane	.36	1,901	61,783
Brockway Rd	.50	2,640	85,800
Benjamin Drive	.21	1,109	36,043
Middle Rd (286 to Abbott)	<u>1.75</u>	<u>5,680</u>	<u>184,600</u>
TOTAL	4.29	19,093	\$ 620,523

F.Y. 2014-15 (Reconstruction)

	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Linear Feet</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Fairview Ave	.38	1,980	\$ 148,500
Middle Butcher Rd	.71	3,749	281,175
Charter Rd	<u>.53</u>	<u>2,850</u>	<u>213,750</u>
TOTAL	1.62	8,579	\$ 643,425



Ellington Public Schools

"Where Children Come First"

Stephen C. Cullinan
Superintendent of Schools

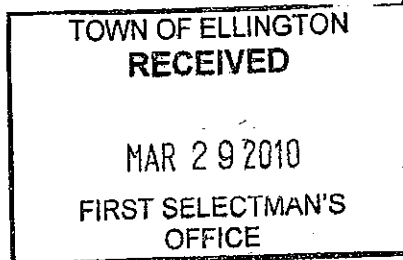
Nancy E. Daley
Administrative Assistant

March 26, 2010

Bruce E. Brettschneider
Director of Special Services

Erin K. McGurk, Ed.D.
Director of Educational Services

Anthony P. Littizzio
Director of Business Services



Mr. Maurice Blanchette
First Selectman
Town of Ellington
55 Main Street
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Dear Mr. Blanchette:

The Board of Education, at its regular meeting on March 24, 2010, unanimously approved the following motion:

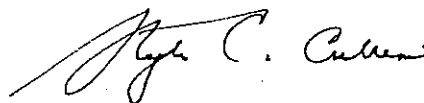
"To recommend to the Annual Town Budget Meeting acceptance of prepaid grants and funds fully reimbursable for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011, and to appropriate the same to the Board of Education in a sum estimated at \$1,402,600 of which the individual grants are estimated to be as follows:

<u>GRANT</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>
Title I - Part A: Improving Basic Programs Funds are targeted to improve achievement in reading and mathematics with grant entitlements based on family income indicators.	\$ 100,000
Title II: Part A: Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Supports increased student achievement by improving teacher and administrator quality and increasing the number of highly qualified teachers.	\$ 50,000
Title II: Part D: Enhancing Education Through Technology "ARRA Funds" Supports effective use of technology to improve student learning.	\$ 1,000

Title IV: Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act	\$ 2,000
Funds are targeted to support programs that prevent violence and foster a safe and drug-free learning environment.	
IDEA - Part B: Section 611 Special Education Entitlement	\$ 387,100
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Designed to provide funds for the education of disabled children.	
IDEA - Part B: Section 611- "ARRA Funds"	\$ 439,000
Additional funds received for this two-year grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. These funds are recommended to expand learning time; increase capacity; provide professional development or technical assistance; or provide direct special education or related services to students and parents.	
IDEA - Part B: Section 619 A Preschool Entitlement	\$ 11,900
Designed to provide funds for the education of disabled children ages three to five.	
IDEA Part B: Section 619 A Preschool Entitlement - "ARRA Funds"	\$ 16,100
Additional funds received for this two-year grant through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. These funds are recommended for early childhood programs and activities and to coordinate early intervention services.	
Adult Education	\$ 36,000
Matching state funds that help fulfill Ellington's legal obligations related to Adult Basic Education, the High School Adult Credit Diploma Program, the External Diploma Program, and GED Preparation Classes through the Vernon Regional Adult Ed. Program.	
Perkins- Career & Technology Grant	\$ 20,000
Funds are used to purchase equipment and support for career and technology programs	

Open Choice Funds	\$ 132,500
Funds are used to offset magnet school tuition payments required by Parent Choice legislation.	
Sheff Settlement – Open Choice Academic and Social Support	\$ 16,000
Funds facilitate the development of programs and activities to support the success of students in the Choice Program.	
Summer Programs	\$ 29,000
Fees paid by parents to allow their children to attend self-funded summer programs.	
Preschool Tuition Funds	\$ 62,000
Fees paid by parents of "typical peer students" attending the district's special education reverse mainstream preschool program.	
Other federal and state prepaid grants which might be applied for. "	\$ 100,000
TOTAL	\$1,402,600

Sincerely,



Stephen C. Cullinan
Superintendent of Schools

SCC:ned

cc: Nicholas DiCorleto